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Regular Session of 2015

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Time: 2:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON H.C.R. NO. 189, H.D. 1 – REQUESTING THE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CREATE A MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS AND OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE THROUGHOUT HAWAII, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ji Sook “Lisa” Kim, and I am the Cable Television Administrator at the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the “Department”). The Department appreciates the opportunity to express **support** for H.C.R. No. 189, H.D. 1, which requests that the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council (“BAAC”) create a master plan to provide universal high speed broadband access in resort areas and other areas of importance throughout the State, including but not limited to Honolulu International Airport and the Hawaii public schools.

The resolution specifically states that the BAAC is to: (1) develop specific strategies for the establishment of universal high speed broadband access throughout Waikiki and certain named resort areas, the Honolulu International Airport, and Hawaii public schools; and (2) identify best practices to establish a database that identifies current and prospective projects for deploying broadband. The Department supports the intent to plan and coordinate the development of critical broadband infrastructure and the use of the BAAC with additional participation by the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (or his designee); and one representative each from: (1) the Hawaii Tourism Authority; (2) Department of Budget and Finance; (3) the offices of the Mayors of each county; (4) a nonprofit organization representing the hotel

industry; and (5) the Hawaiian Electric Company in the BAAC's working groups. Creation of a master plan as envisioned in this resolution with the input of various stakeholders will help to accelerate the deployment of broadband and telecommunications infrastructure across the State, and will promote the efficient use of government and private resources while minimizing the disruption to the public caused by such deployment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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in consideration of
HCR189, HD1
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HCR 189, HD1, requesting the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to create a master plan to provide universal high-speed broadband access in resort areas and other areas throughout Hawaii including but not limited to Honolulu International Airport and Hawaii Public Schools.

DBEDT agrees that broadband access in resort areas and other areas of importance will help Hawaii become more competitive globally. DBEDT thanks the Economic Development & Business committee for recognizing that DBEDT did not have the resources to establish a working group within our department and that requesting the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council to create the master plan is a logical decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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| Javier Mendez-Alvarez | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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